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World Crop Production

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PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

WHEAT: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 513.8 million tons, down 2.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month, but 5 percent above last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o USSR — Production is estimated at 73.0 million tons, down 2.0 million or 3 percent from last month, and 8 percent below last year's revised estimate of 79.0 million. The production estimates were revised for both years based on official Soviet area data.

- o Eastern Europe — Production is estimated at a record 41.1 million tons, down 0.7 million or 2 percent from last month, but up 17 percent from last year. Slight decreases in production occurred in Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria based on recently released official government crop estimates.

- o Non-EC Western Europe — Production is estimated at a record 10.7 million tons, down 0.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month, but 20 percent above last year. A downward adjustment in the estimated average yield in Spain led to the decrease.

- o Argentina — Production is estimated at 13.2 million tons, up 0.5 million or 4 percent from last month and 7 percent above last year. An increase in estimated average yield led to the rise in production. Average yield is now estimated at a record 2.24 tons a hectare, 25 percent above last year and 9 percent higher than the previous record in 1982/83. The record yield is the result of favorable growing conditions and substantially higher fertilizer use.

COARSE GRAINS: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 800.9 million tons, up 3.9 million or 1 percent from last month and 17 percent above last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o USSR — Production is estimated at 86.0 million tons, up 2.0 million or 2 percent from last month, but 13 percent below last year's revised estimate of 99.0 million. The production estimates were revised for both years based on official Soviet area data. The increase from last month is mostly in barley and oats, partially offset by a decline in rye production.

- o Indonesia — Production is estimated at a record 5.2 million tons, up 1.2 million or 30 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. The increase from last month was all in corn, the only significant coarse grain crop. The rise in estimated corn production reflects higher yields and increased area.

- o Turkey — Production is estimated at 8.3 million tons, up 0.4 million or 5 percent from last month and up 7 percent from last year. The increase from last month is all in barley, now estimated at 6.0 million tons. The rise in barley production is a result of an increase in both estimated area and average yield.

- o South Africa — Production is estimated at 7.6 million tons, up 0.2 million or 3 percent from last month and up 46 percent from last year's drought-affected crop. The increase from last month is in corn, now estimated at 6.7 million tons. The estimate is based on South Africa's first official crop estimate released last month.

- o Zimbabwe — Production is estimated at a record 2.9 million tons, up 0.2 million or 8 percent from last month and up 71 percent from last year's drought-devastated crop. The increase from last month is in corn, now estimated at 2.6 million tons. Favorable weather led to the increase in estimated average corn yield. This year's corn crop estimate is just 0.2 million tons or 6 percent below the record crop harvested in 1981.

- o Egypt — Production is estimated at 4.6 million tons, up 0.2 million or 5 percent from last month and 9 percent above last year. The increase from last month is in corn and is partially offset by a decline in the barley crop.

- o Argentina — Production is estimated at 19.2 million tons, up 0.1 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 10 percent from last year. Corn production is now estimated at 11.3 million tons, up 3 percent from last month because of an increase in estimated average yield. Partially offsetting the increase in the corn estimate is a 3-percent decrease in sorghum production, now estimated at 6.8 million tons. The decrease in estimated sorghum production is due to a lower harvested area estimate; average yield is estimated at a near-record.

- o Brazil — Production is estimated at 20.5 million tons, down 0.5 million or 2 percent from last month and 5 percent below last year. The decrease from last month is primarily in corn, now estimated at 20.0 million tons. The decrease in corn production is primarily attributed to a lower harvested area estimate.

RICE (MILLED BASIS): World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 317.4 million tons, up 0.7 million or less than 1 percent from last month and 3 percent above a year ago. An important change from a month ago is the following:

- o Japan — Production is estimated at 10.8 million tons, up 0.4 million or 4 percent from last month and up 15 percent from last year's crop. A slight increase in the estimated area and average yield led to the rise in production.

OILSEEDS: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 187.0 million tons, up 0.6 million or less than 1 percent from a month ago and 13 percent above 1983/84.

*Soybeans: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at 89.8 million tons, up 0.1 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year.

*Cottonseed: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 34.2 million tons, up slightly from a month ago and up 25 percent from last year.

*Peanuts: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at 19.9 million tons, down 0.1 million or less than 1 percent from a month ago, but up 6 percent from last year.

*Sunflowerseed: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 17.5 million tons, up 0.2 million or 1 percent from a month ago and up 13 percent from last year. An important change from a month ago is the following:

o Argentina — Production is estimated at a record 3.3 million tons, up 0.3 million or 10 percent from a month ago and up 50 percent from last year. Over half of the crop has been harvested, and record yields have been reported in Buenos Aires, Santa Fe and Chaco. These provinces account for over 80 percent of the total crop.

*Rapeseed: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 16.6 million tons, up 0.3 million or 2 percent from a month ago and up 16 percent from last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

o India — Production is estimated at a record 2.9 million tons, up 0.3 million or 12 percent from a month ago and up 13 percent from last year. Incidence of pest/disease infestation has been below normal. Reported yields have been higher than expected.

*Flaxseed: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at 2.3 million tons, unchanged from a month ago, but up 2 percent from last year.

*Copra: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at 4.7 million tons, up marginally from a month ago and up 18 percent from last year.

*Palm Kernels: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 2.1 million tons, up 2 percent from a month ago and up 4 percent from last year.

*Palm Oil: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 7.1 million tons, up 0.1 million or 2 percent from a month ago and up 8 percent from last year.

COTTON: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 84.2 million bales, down slightly from last month's estimate, but 24 percent more than a year ago. Foreign output is projected at a record 71.3 million bales, 19 percent above 1983/84. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

o U.S. — Production is estimated at 13.0 million bales, down 0.3 million or 2 percent from last month but 67 percent above last year's PIK and weather reduced crop. Late season rains in Texas reduced output.

o Sudan — Production is estimated at 0.9 million bales, down 0.2 million or 17 percent from last month and 15 percent less than last year. The decrease in output is primarily attributed to lower area and a shortage of irrigation water.

- Paraguay — Production is estimated at a record 0.6 million bales, up 0.1 million or 20 percent from last month and 45 percent above last year. A 25-percent area increase coupled with favorable weather during the growing and harvesting seasons resulted in increased output.

- Brazil — Production is estimated at a record 3.8 million bales, up 0.1 million or 3 percent from last month and 47 percent above last year. Attractive cotton prices in the south prompted farmers to increase plantings, while favorable weather during the growing and harvesting seasons increased yields in the northeast.

- India — Production is estimated at a record 6.6 million bales, up 0.1 million or 2 percent from last month and 9 percent above last year. Timely mid-season rains increased yields.

- Australia — Production is estimated at a record 1.0 million bales, up 0.1 million or 6 percent from last month and 54 percent above last year. Yield prospects have improved.

This report draws on information from USDA's global network of agricultural attaches and counselors, official statistics of foreign governments, other foreign source materials and results of office analysis. Estimates of U.S. acreage, yield and production are from USDA's Crop Reporting Board. All numbers in this report are based on unrounded data and detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

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WORLD AGRICULTURAL WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

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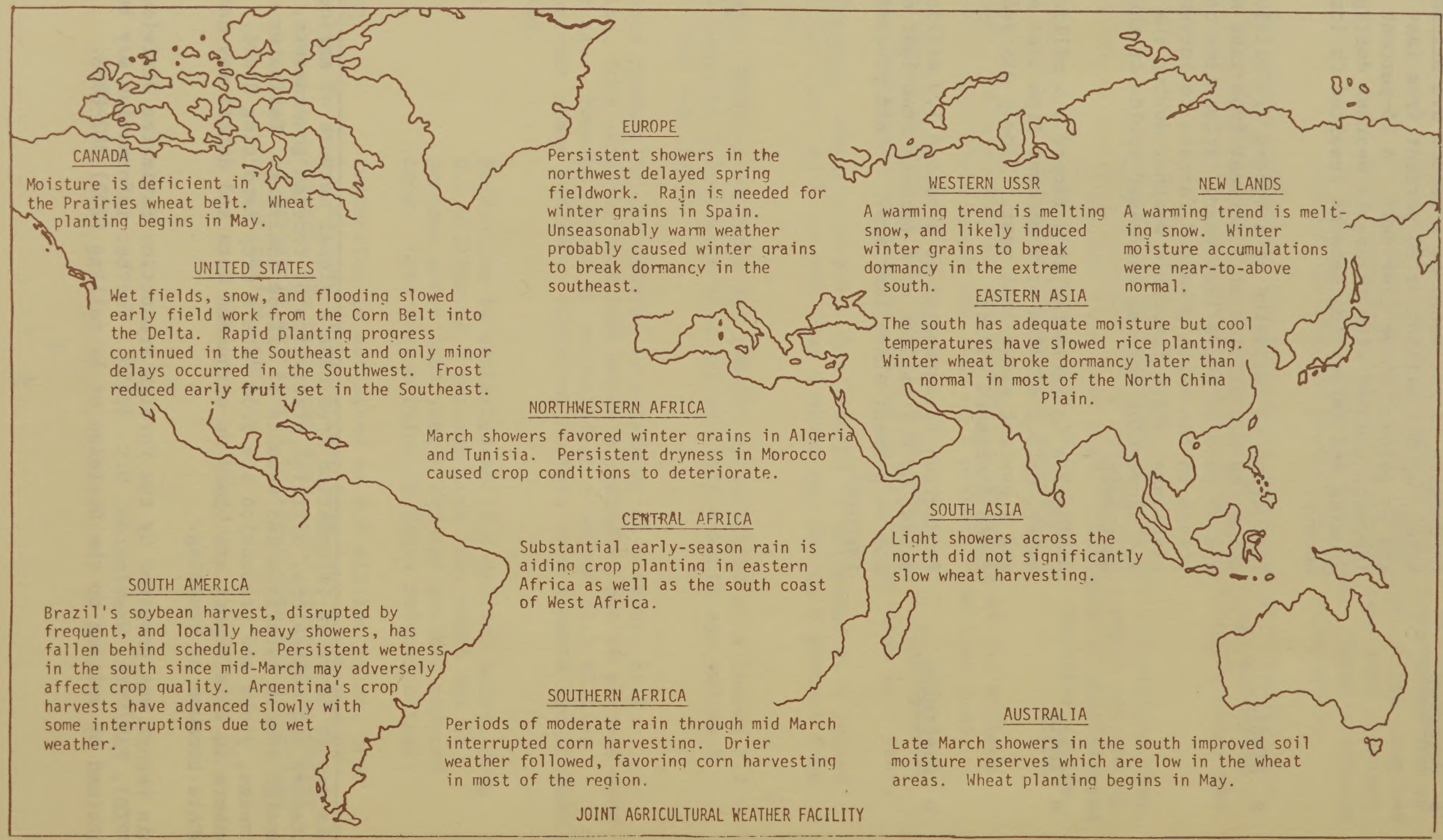

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World Crop Production Summary

Commodity	World	Total Foreign	North America: United States	North America: Canada	North America: Mexico	Europe: EC-10	Europe: Oth. W. Europe	Europe: Eastern Europe	USSR	Asia: China	Asia: India	Asia: Indonesia	Asia: Pakistan	Asia: Thailand	South America: Argentina	South America: Brazil	Selected Other Countries: Australia	Selected Other Countries: South Africa	Selected Other Countries: Turkey	All Other Countries
	---Million Metric Tons---																			
Wheat																				
1982/83	479.1	403.9	75.3	26.7	4.2	59.8	8.5	34.7	86.0	68.4	37.5	.0	11.3	.0	15.0	1.8	8.9	2.4	13.8	24.8
1983/84 prel.	490.1	424.2	65.9	26.6	3.2	59.1	8.9	35.2	79.0	81.4	42.8	.0	12.4	.0	12.3	2.1	21.8	1.8	13.3	24.3
1984/85 proj.																				
March	516.0	445.4	70.6	21.2	4.2	76.4	10.9	41.8	75.0	87.7	45.1	.0	10.9	.0	12.7	1.9	18.5	2.2	13.3	23.5
April	513.8	443.1	70.6	21.2	4.2	76.4	10.7	41.1	73.0	87.7	45.1	.0	10.9	.0	13.2	1.9	18.6	2.2	13.3	23.6
Coarse Grains																				
1982/83	777.5	526.8	250.7	26.5	10.2	71.6	21.9	71.8	86.0	82.4	27.9	3.2	1.6	3.7	18.2	19.9	3.9	4.5	8.7	64.6
1983/84 prel.	682.7	545.6	137.1	21.0	13.8	64.0	22.1	67.4	99.0	91.3	34.1	5.1	1.6	4.3	17.4	21.5	9.4	5.2	7.7	60.7
1984/85 proj.																				
March	797.1	559.9	237.1	21.9	13.8	74.8	29.3	72.7	84.0	95.3	31.3	4.0	1.7	4.9	19.1	21.0	8.5	7.3	7.9	62.4
April	800.9	563.8	237.1	21.9	13.8	74.8	29.2	72.9	86.0	95.3	31.3	5.2	1.7	4.9	19.2	20.5	8.5	7.6	8.3	62.8
Rice (Milled)																				
1982/83	285.5	280.6	4.9	.0	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	1.6	112.9	47.1	22.8	3.4	11.1	0.2	5.3	0.4	.0	0.2	74.0
1983/84 prel.	307.1	303.9	3.2	.0	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.1	1.8	118.2	59.8	24.0	3.3	12.9	0.3	6.1	0.5	.0	0.2	75.4
1984/85 proj.																				
March	316.6	312.2	4.4	.0	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	1.6	124.7	59.5	25.8	3.4	12.2	0.3	6.1	0.6	.0	0.2	76.2
April	317.4	313.0	4.4	.0	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	1.8	124.7	59.5	25.8	3.5	12.2	0.3	6.1	0.6	.0	0.2	76.9
Total Grains 1/																				
1982/83	1,542.1	1,211.2	330.9	53.3	14.7	132.1	30.8	106.7	173.6 1/	263.7	112.4	26.1	16.4	14.8	33.4	27.1	13.2	6.9	22.7	163.4
1983/84 prel.	1,479.9	1,273.7	206.2	47.6	17.3	123.8	31.2	102.8	179.8 1/	290.9	136.6	29.1	17.4	17.2	30.1	29.7	31.6	7.0	21.2	160.5
1984/85 proj.																				
March	1,629.7	1,317.5	312.2	43.1	18.3	151.9	40.6	114.6	160.6 1/	307.7	135.9	29.8	16.0	17.1	32.0	29.0	27.6	9.6	21.4	162.1
April	1,632.1	1,320.0	312.2	43.1	18.3	151.9	40.3	114.1	160.8 1/	307.7	135.9	31.0	16.1	17.1	32.6	28.5	27.6	9.8	21.8	163.3
Oilseeds 2/																				
1982/83	178.2	110.0	68.2	3.9	0.9	3.6	1.4	4.0	11.1	27.1	11.3	1.4	2.0	0.3	7.5	16.2	0.4	0.4	1.5	17.0
1983/84 prel.	166.2	115.8	50.4	3.9	1.1	3.8	1.4	4.0	10.5	28.6	13.8	1.5	1.4	0.4	10.1	16.4	0.5	0.4	1.6	16.5
1984/85 proj.																				
March	186.5	127.1	59.3	4.9	1.1	5.2	1.7	4.6	10.0	32.6	13.4	1.5	2.3	0.4	10.7	17.5	0.8	0.7	1.8	18.1
April	187.0	127.7	59.3	4.9	1.1	5.2	1.6	4.8	9.9	32.6	13.7	1.5	2.3	0.5	11.0	17.5	0.8	0.6	1.7	18.0
	--Million 480-Pound Bales---																			
Cotton																				
1982/83	67.5	55.5	12.0	.0	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.1	11.9	16.5	6.3	.0	3.8	0.2	0.5	3.0	0.5	0.1	2.2	8.8
1983/84 prel.	67.8	60.1	7.8	.0	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	12.3	21.3	6.1	.0	2.2	0.2	0.8	2.6	0.6	0.2	2.4	9.6
1984/85 proj.																				
March	84.3	71.0	13.3	.0	1.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	11.7	27.9	6.5	.0	4.5	0.2	0.7	3.7	0.9	0.2	2.7	9.7
April	84.2	71.3	13.0	.0	1.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	11.7	27.9	6.6	.0	4.5	0.2	0.7	3.8	1.0	0.2	2.7	9.7

1/ Includes total of wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above. Estimates of Soviet total grain production, including wheat, coarse grains, rice (rough), minor grains, and pulses are 180 mil. tons in 1982/83, 190 mil. in 1983/84, and 170 mil. forecast in 1984/85.

2/ Totals for major regions and countries and other countries include the six major oilseeds shown elsewhere in this report, while world and total foreign also include copra and palm kernels for countries shown plus other countries.

Note: Entries of '.0' indicate no reported or insignificant production.

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U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield and Production *

Commodity	--Harvested Area-- 1982/83	Prel. 1983/84	Proj. 1984/85	--Yield-- 1982/83	Prel. 1983/84	1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Apr.	--Production-- 1982/83	Prel. 1983/84	1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Apr.
	--Million Acres--			--Bushels per Acre--				--Million Bushels--			
All Wheat	77.9	61.4	66.9	35.5	39.4	38.8	38.8	2,765	2,420	2,595	2,595
Winter	57.6	47.6	51.5	36.0	41.8	40.0	40.0	2,074	1,988	2,061	2,061
Other	20.3	13.8	15.4	34.1	31.3	34.7	34.7	691	432	535	535
Rye	0.7	0.9	1.0	28.9	30.3	33.0	33.0	20	27	32	32
Corn	72.7	51.5	71.8	113.2	81.1	106.6	106.6	8,235	4,175	7,656	7,656
Sorghum	14.1	10.0	15.3	59.1	48.7	56.4	56.4	835	488	866	866
Barley	9.0	9.7	11.2	57.2	52.3	53.4	53.4	516	509	597	597
Oats	10.3	9.1	8.1	57.8	52.6	58.1	58.1	593	477	472	472
Tot. Feedgrains	106.1	80.3	106.5	95.9	70.3	90.1	90.1	10,179	5,648	9,591	9,591
Soybeans	69.4	62.5	66.1	31.5	26.2	28.2	28.2	2,190	1,636	1,861	1,861
				---Pounds per Acre---				---Million CWT.---			
Rice	3.3	2.2	2.8	4,710	4,598	4,926	4,926	153.6	99.7	137.0	137.0
								---Million 480-Pound---			
All Cotton	9.7	7.3	10.5	590	508	610	595	12.0	7.8	13.3	13.0

U.S. Planted Area of Major Crops *

Year	Wheat: Winter	Wheat: Other	Wheat: Total	Rye	Rice	Feedgrains: Corn	Feedgrains: Sorghum	Feedgrains: Barley	Feedgrains: Oats	Feedgrains: Total	Soybeans	All Cotton	Total Maj. Crops
	--Million Acres--												
1982/83	65.5	20.7	86.2	2.5	3.3	81.9	16.0	9.5	14.0	121.4	70.9	11.3	295.7
1983/84 prel.	62.1	14.3	76.4	2.7	2.2	60.2	11.9	10.4	20.3	102.8	63.8	7.9	255.8
1984/85 proj.													
March	63.4	15.8	79.2	3.0	2.8	80.4	17.2	11.9	12.4	121.9	67.7	11.1	285.8
April	63.4	15.8	79.2	3.0	2.8	80.4	17.2	11.9	12.4	121.9	67.7	11.1	285.8

* Estimates from USDA Crop Reporting Board.

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Wheat Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Apr.	Production 1982/83	Production Prel. 1983/84	Production 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production 1984/85 Proj. Apr.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	238.5	229.9	231.3	2.01	2.13	2.23	2.22	479.1	490.1	516.0	513.8
United States	31.5	24.8	27.1	2.39	2.65	2.61	2.61	75.3	65.9	70.6	70.6
Total Foreign	206.9	205.0	204.2	1.95	2.07	2.18	2.17	403.9	424.2	445.4	443.1
Maj. Foreign Exporters	44.4	46.6	44.9	2.49	2.57	2.87	2.88	110.4	119.8	128.9	129.4
Argentina	7.3	6.9	5.9	2.05	1.79	2.15	2.24	15.0	12.3	12.7	13.2
Australia	11.5	12.9	12.2	0.77	1.69	1.52	1.52	8.9	21.8	18.5	18.6
Canada	12.6	13.7	13.2	2.13	1.94	1.61	1.61	26.7	26.6	21.2	21.2
EC-10	13.0	13.2	13.7	4.60	4.50	5.60	5.60	59.8	59.1	76.4	76.4
Major Importers	102.6	97.1	97.8	1.93	2.10	2.17	2.15	198.0	203.9	212.9	210.2
Brazil	2.8	1.9	1.9	0.65	1.11	1.00	1.00	1.8	2.1	1.9	1.9
China	27.9	29.1	29.4	2.45	2.80	2.99	2.99	68.4	81.4	87.7	87.7
Eastern Europe	9.4	9.8	9.8	3.69	3.60	4.22	4.18	34.7	35.2	41.8	41.1
Egypt	0.6	0.6	0.5	3.50	3.50	3.70	3.70	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8
Other N. Africa *	4.3	4.8	4.9	0.97	0.74	0.82	0.82	4.2	3.5	4.0	4.0
Japan	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.25	3.03	3.19	3.19	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
USSR	57.3	50.8	51.1	1.50	1.56	1.46	1.43	86.0	79.0	75.0	73.0
Other Foreign	60.0	61.3	61.4	1.59	1.64	1.69	1.68	95.5	100.5	103.6	103.5
India	22.1	23.6	24.4	1.69	1.82	1.85	1.85	37.5	42.8	45.1	45.1
Iran	6.0	5.8	6.0	0.92	0.91	0.87	0.87	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.2
Mexico	1.0	0.8	1.0	4.42	3.81	4.42	4.42	4.2	3.2	4.2	4.2
Non-EC W. Europe	3.9	3.9	3.5	2.20	2.29	3.14	3.08	8.5	8.9	10.9	10.7
Pakistan	7.2	7.4	7.3	1.57	1.68	1.48	1.49	11.3	12.4	10.9	10.9
South Africa	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.23	1.00	1.17	1.17	2.4	1.8	2.2	2.2
Turkey	8.6	8.7	8.6	1.60	1.53	1.55	1.55	13.8	13.3	13.3	13.3
Others	9.2	9.3	8.8	1.34	1.38	1.35	1.34	12.3	12.8	11.7	11.8

* Algeria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.

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Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Apr.	Production 1982/83	Production Prel. 1983/84	Production 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production 1984/85 Proj. Apr.
TOTAL COARSE GRAINS 1/	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	332.4	328.5	334.3	2.34	2.08	2.39	2.40	777.5	682.7	797.1	800.9
United States	43.2	32.9	43.5	5.80	4.17	5.45	5.45	250.7	137.1	237.1	237.1
Total Foreign	289.2	295.7	290.8	1.82	1.85	1.93	1.94	526.8	545.6	559.9	563.8
Maj. Foreign Exporters	26.6	26.7	27.0	2.14	2.15	2.28	2.30	56.8	57.3	61.7	62.0
Argentina	6.4	6.2	6.1	2.86	2.83	3.06	3.16	18.2	17.4	19.1	19.2
Australia	4.5	5.8	5.8	0.87	1.62	1.48	1.45	3.9	9.4	8.5	8.5
Canada	8.9	7.8	8.0	3.00	2.70	2.74	2.74	26.5	21.0	21.9	21.9
South Africa	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.93	1.08	1.54	1.58	4.5	5.2	7.3	7.6
Thailand	2.1	2.1	2.3	1.78	2.00	2.15	2.15	3.7	4.3	4.9	4.9
Major Importers	109.4	112.3	110.0	2.40	2.38	2.54	2.53	263.0	267.7	276.1	278.3
Eastern Europe	19.4	19.1	19.0	3.71	3.53	3.83	3.84	71.8	67.4	72.7	72.9
EC-10	15.1	14.4	14.1	4.74	4.44	5.29	5.29	71.6	64.0	74.8	74.8
Other W. Europe	9.0	8.8	9.3	2.45	2.50	3.14	3.16	21.9	22.1	29.3	29.2
Mexico	7.4	8.3	7.9	1.38	1.67	1.69	1.76	10.2	13.8	13.8	13.8
USSR	58.0	61.2	59.2	1.48	1.62	1.46	1.45	86.0	99.0	84.0	86.0
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.5	0.5	0.6	2.72	2.75	2.76	2.76	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6
Other Foreign	153.2	156.7	153.9	1.35	1.41	1.45	1.45	206.9	220.6	222.1	223.6
Brazil	11.4	13.1	12.3	1.74	1.65	1.67	1.66	19.9	21.5	21.0	20.5
China	29.3	29.6	29.1	2.81	3.08	3.27	3.27	82.4	91.3	95.3	95.3
India	40.7	41.7	41.3	0.69	0.82	0.76	0.76	27.9	34.1	31.3	31.3
Indonesia	2.1	3.0	2.9	1.57	1.69	1.60	1.79	3.2	5.1	4.0	5.2
Nigeria	8.3	8.5	8.4	1.12	0.78	1.03	1.03	9.2	6.6	8.7	8.7
Philippines	3.2	3.3	3.4	0.99	1.02	1.00	1.00	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.4
Turkey	4.3	4.0	4.1	2.01	1.92	1.95	2.02	8.7	7.7	7.9	8.3
Others	54.0	53.6	52.3	0.97	0.95	0.97	0.97	52.5	50.9	50.5	50.9
BARLEY											
World	78.7	79.7	78.8	2.09	2.12	2.23	2.22	164.5	169.0	172.7	174.6
United States	3.6	3.9	4.5	3.08	2.81	2.87	2.87	11.2	11.1	13.0	13.0
Total Foreign	75.0	75.8	74.3	2.04	2.08	2.19	2.18	153.2	157.9	159.8	161.6
Australia	2.5	3.2	3.7	0.79	1.56	1.48	1.49	1.9	4.9	5.5	5.5
Canada	5.1	4.4	4.5	2.71	2.37	2.25	2.25	14.0	10.3	10.3	10.3
China	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.71	2.71	2.84	2.84	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0
Eastern Europe	5.0	4.5	4.4	3.46	3.46	4.01	4.03	17.4	15.4	17.8	17.7
EC-10	9.3	8.9	8.5	4.44	4.07	5.18	5.18	41.3	36.1	44.2	44.2
Other W. Europe	5.5	5.5	5.8	2.14	2.32	3.04	3.06	11.7	12.8	17.8	17.8
Turkey	3.1	2.9	3.0	2.04	1.86	1.93	2.00	6.4	5.4	5.6	6.0
USSR	29.7	31.7	30.5	1.38	1.70	1.39	1.38	41.0	54.0	40.5	42.1
Others	12.2	12.3	11.4	1.03	0.98	0.97	0.98	12.6	12.1	11.1	11.1

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Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Apr.	Production 1982/83	Production Prel. 1983/84	Production 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production 1984/85 Proj. Apr.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
CORN											
World	123.9	118.9	126.3	3.53	2.90	3.53	3.54	437.6	345.1	445.3	447.8
United States	29.4	20.8	29.1	7.11	5.09	6.69	6.69	209.2	106.0	194.5	194.5
Total Foreign	94.5	98.1	97.3	2.42	2.44	2.58	2.60	228.4	239.1	250.8	253.4
Maj. Foreign Exporters	8.9	8.9	9.1	1.86	1.99	2.41	2.47	16.5	17.6	22.0	22.5
Argentina	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.03	3.04	3.38	3.48	9.0	9.2	11.0	11.3
South Africa	4.1	4.0	3.9	1.00	1.12	1.67	1.73	4.1	4.4	6.5	6.7
Thailand	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.86	2.11	2.25	2.25	3.5	4.0	4.5	4.5
Major Importers	21.3	21.7	21.7	3.83	3.62	3.71	3.77	81.4	78.7	81.1	82.0
Eastern Europe	7.1	7.3	7.5	5.15	4.58	4.67	4.69	36.3	33.7	34.6	35.0
EC-10	3.0	3.0	3.1	6.63	6.51	6.50	6.50	19.8	19.6	20.1	20.1
Other W. Europe	1.0	0.9	1.0	4.53	4.28	4.64	4.67	4.5	3.8	4.5	4.6
Mexico	6.0	6.5	6.2	1.17	1.43	1.46	1.53	7.0	9.3	9.5	9.5
USSR	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.24	3.08	3.18	3.21	13.5	12.0	12.1	12.5
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.67	3.24	3.47	3.47	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Other Foreign	64.3	67.5	66.4	2.03	2.12	2.23	2.24	130.5	142.8	147.7	148.9
Brazil	11.1	12.7	12.0	1.76	1.65	1.68	1.67	19.5	21.0	20.5	20.0
Canada	1.1	1.1	1.2	5.88	5.52	5.89	5.89	6.5	5.9	7.0	7.0
China	18.5	18.8	18.6	3.26	3.62	3.90	3.90	60.3	68.2	72.5	72.5
Egypt	0.8	0.8	0.8	4.12	4.64	4.68	4.64	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.9
India	5.7	5.9	5.8	1.14	1.35	1.24	1.24	6.5	7.9	7.2	7.2
Indonesia	2.1	3.0	2.9	1.57	1.69	1.60	1.79	3.2	5.1	4.0	5.2
Philippines	3.2	3.3	3.4	0.99	1.02	1.00	1.00	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.4
Zimbabwe	1.3	1.6	1.4	0.76	0.95	1.71	1.86	1.0	1.5	2.4	2.6
Others	20.5	20.3	20.3	1.31	1.29	1.33	1.33	26.9	26.3	27.1	27.1
SORGHUM											
World	44.8	42.9	44.2	1.45	1.34	1.49	1.48	64.9	57.7	65.9	65.5
United States	5.7	4.0	6.2	3.71	3.06	3.54	3.54	21.2	12.4	22.0	22.0
Total Foreign	39.1	38.9	38.0	1.12	1.17	1.15	1.15	43.7	45.3	43.9	43.5
Argentina	2.5	2.4	2.1	3.18	3.04	3.18	3.32	8.0	7.2	7.0	6.8
Australia	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.36	2.55	1.73	1.47	1.0	1.9	1.3	1.2
China	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.50	2.70	2.76	2.76	7.0	7.6	7.4	7.4
India	16.4	16.3	16.3	0.66	0.73	0.70	0.70	10.8	11.9	11.3	11.3
Mexico	1.1	1.4	1.3	2.55	2.86	2.92	2.92	2.8	4.0	3.8	3.8
Nigeria	3.2	3.1	3.2	1.30	0.86	1.14	1.14	4.1	2.7	3.7	3.7
South Africa	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.05	1.80	1.84	1.79	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.6
Sudan	3.6	3.6	3.2	0.53	0.51	0.38	0.38	1.9	1.8	1.2	1.2
Thailand	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.06	1.19	1.35	1.35	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
Others	8.4	8.1	7.9	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	7.8	7.5	7.3	7.2

1/ Total of barley, corn, sorghum shown below plus rye, oats, millet and mixed grain.
2/ Japan, Republic of Korea and Taiwan.

Rice Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Apr.	Production (Rough Basis) 1982/83	Production (Rough Basis) Prel. 1983/84	Production (Rough Basis) 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production (Rough Basis) 1984/85 Proj. Apr.	Milling Rate 1982/83	Milling Rate Prel. 1983/84	Milling Rate 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Milling Rate 1984/85 Proj. Apr.	Production (Milled Basis) 1982/83	Production (Milled Basis) Prel. 1983/84	Production (Milled Basis) 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production (Milled Basis) 1984/85 Proj. Apr.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---				---In Percent---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	141.1	144.6	144.3	2.97	3.12	3.22	3.23	419.3	451.4	464.7	465.9	68.10	68.04	68.12	68.13	285.5	307.1	316.6	317.4
United States	1.3	0.9	1.1	5.28	5.15	5.52	5.52	7.0	4.5	6.2	6.2	71.00	71.10	71.00	71.00	4.9	3.2	4.4	4.4
Total Foreign	139.8	143.7	143.2	2.95	3.11	3.21	3.21	412.3	446.8	458.5	459.7	68.05	68.01	68.08	68.09	280.6	303.9	312.2	313.0
Maj. Foreign Exporters	15.9	16.5	15.9	2.29	2.37	2.39	2.39	36.4	39.0	38.1	38.1	64.70	64.79	64.75	64.76	23.6	25.3	24.6	24.7
Burma	4.6	4.7	4.7	3.15	3.08	3.07	3.07	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	62.50	62.50	62.50	62.50	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Pakistan	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.62	2.51	2.52	2.57	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.2	66.60	66.60	66.60	66.60	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.5
Thailand	9.4	9.8	9.2	1.80	2.00	2.01	2.01	16.9	19.6	18.5	18.5	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	11.1	12.9	12.2	12.2
Major Importers	11.8	12.0	12.6	3.89	3.96	4.03	4.03	45.7	47.5	50.9	50.9	68.23	68.24	68.32	68.32	31.2	32.4	34.8	34.7
EC-10	0.2	0.2	0.2	5.34	5.59	5.64	5.64	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	64.82	63.09	64.78	64.78	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Other W. Europe	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.34	4.96	5.91	5.54	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	68.62	68.37	68.87	68.83	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
Indonesia	9.0	9.2	9.6	3.74	3.85	3.94	3.94	33.6	35.3	38.0	38.0	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	22.8	24.0	25.8	25.8
Nigeria	0.6	0.6	0.7	2.30	2.03	2.02	2.02	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	66.50	66.50	66.50	66.50	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Republic of Korea	1.2	1.2	1.2	6.15	6.20	6.47	6.47	7.3	7.6	8.0	8.0	70.82	71.03	71.29	71.29	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.7
Other Maj. Import. *	0.7	0.7	0.8	2.71	2.56	2.38	2.38	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	65.42	65.64	65.49	65.49	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other Foreign	112.2	115.3	114.6	2.94	3.13	3.23	3.23	330.2	360.4	369.6	370.7	68.39	68.33	68.40	68.40	225.8	246.3	252.8	253.6
Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	6.45	5.31	6.47	6.31	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	71.50	71.50	71.50	71.50	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
Bangladesh	10.6	10.5	9.8	2.02	2.06	2.21	2.21	21.3	21.8	21.6	21.6	66.60	66.60	66.60	66.60	14.2	14.5	14.4	14.4
Brazil	5.4	6.0	6.0	1.46	1.50	1.50	1.50	7.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	5.3	6.1	6.1	6.1
China	33.1	33.1	33.0	4.88	5.10	5.40	5.40	161.2	168.9	178.1	178.1	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	112.9	118.2	124.7	124.7
India	38.3	41.0	41.2	1.85	2.19	2.17	2.17	70.7	89.7	89.3	89.3	66.66	66.66	66.66	66.66	47.1	59.8	59.5	59.5
Japan	2.3	2.3	2.3	5.69	5.70	6.16	6.41	12.8	13.0	14.2	14.8	72.80	72.80	72.80	72.80	9.3	9.4	10.4	10.8
Philippines	3.2	3.1	3.2	2.39	2.50	2.49	2.49	7.7	7.8	8.0	8.0	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.2
USSR	0.6	0.7	0.7	3.70	3.86	4.17	4.00	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.8	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.8
Vietnam	5.7	5.7	5.7	2.42	2.46	2.42	2.42	13.8	14.0	13.8	13.8	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.0
Others	13.0	12.7	12.6	2.45	2.60	2.57	2.59	31.8	33.0	32.3	32.5	66.09	66.21	66.19	66.23	21.0	21.8	21.4	21.6

* Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, and Saudi Arabia.

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Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Apr.	Production 1982/83	Production Prel. 1983/84	Production 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production 1984/85 Proj. Apr.
	Million Hectares			Kilograms Per Hectare				Million 480-Pound Bales			
World	31.7	31.4	34.5	463	470	539	532	67.5	67.8	84.3	84.2
United States	3.9	3.0	4.2	661	569	684	667	12.0	7.8	13.3	13.0
Total Foreign	27.8	28.4	30.3	435	460	519	513	55.5	60.1	71.0	71.3
Maj. Foreign Exporters	13.2	13.6	14.7	653	698	796	774	39.6	43.6	52.6	52.4
Australia	0.1	0.1	0.2	1052	1039	1055	1122	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.0
Central America 1/	0.2	0.2	0.2	854	764	767	768	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
China	5.8	6.1	6.8	616	763	935	893	16.5	21.3	27.9	27.9
Egypt	0.4	0.4	0.4	1031	991	940	940	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8
Mexico	0.2	0.2	0.3	921	922	850	850	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.3
Pakistan	2.3	2.3	2.3	364	209	419	419	3.8	2.2	4.5	4.5
Sudan	0.4	0.4	0.4	533	538	538	506	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Turkey	0.6	0.6	0.8	822	850	781	781	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.7
USSR	3.2	3.2	3.3	815	838	789	761	11.9	12.3	11.7	11.7
Major Importers 2/	0.2	0.3	0.3	695	697	703	706	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0
Other Foreign	14.3	14.6	15.2	230	234	251	255	15.1	15.7	17.4	17.8
Argentina	0.4	0.5	0.5	310	353	337	337	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.7
Brazil	2.1	2.0	2.2	308	286	360	369	3.0	2.6	3.7	3.8
India	7.9	7.8	7.9	175	171	179	182	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.6
Syria	0.2	0.2	0.2	994	1099	902	902	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7
Others	3.8	4.2	4.4	261	277	292	293	4.6	5.3	5.8	6.0

1/ Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Costa Rica.
2/ Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Japan, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, and Taiwan.

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Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Apr.	Production 1982/83	Production Prel. 1983/84	Production 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production 1984/85 Proj. Apr.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SOYBEANS											
World	52.10	50.38	52.66	1.79	1.63	1.71	1.71	93.24	82.18	89.72	89.81
United States	28.10	25.30	26.75	2.12	1.76	1.89	1.89	59.61	44.52	50.64	50.64
Total Foreign	24.00	25.08	25.92	1.40	1.50	1.51	1.51	33.63	37.67	39.08	39.16
Maj. Foreign Exporters	10.42	12.07	12.40	1.80	1.81	1.82	1.80	18.75	21.80	22.30	22.30
Argentina	2.28	2.75	2.95	1.75	2.40	2.24	2.24	4.00	6.60	6.60	6.60
Brazil	8.14	9.32	9.45	1.81	1.63	1.69	1.66	14.75	15.20	15.70	15.70
Other Foreign	13.58	13.01	13.51	1.10	1.22	1.24	1.25	14.88	15.87	16.78	16.86
Canada	0.36	0.36	0.42	2.33	1.98	2.24	2.24	0.85	0.72	0.93	0.93
China	8.41	7.57	7.70	1.07	1.29	1.26	1.26	9.03	9.77	9.70	9.70
Eastern Europe	0.45	0.48	0.54	1.51	1.27	1.35	1.49	0.68	0.61	0.71	0.80
India	0.77	0.81	0.90	0.64	0.72	0.83	0.83	0.49	0.58	0.75	0.75
Indonesia	0.63	0.70	0.78	0.92	0.89	0.85	0.85	0.58	0.63	0.66	0.66
Mexico	0.35	0.35	0.35	1.57	1.71	1.57	1.57	0.55	0.60	0.55	0.55
Paraguay	0.35	0.42	0.47	1.49	1.31	1.60	1.60	0.52	0.55	0.75	0.75
USSR	0.88	0.84	0.77	0.57	0.67	0.56	0.56	0.50	0.56	0.50	0.44
Others	1.38	1.47	1.59	1.22	1.26	1.45	1.44	1.69	1.85	2.22	2.28
COTTONSEED											
World	31.65	31.38	34.50	0.86	0.87	1.00	0.99	27.36	27.26	34.13	34.16
United States	3.94	2.97	4.23	1.09	0.94	1.14	1.14	4.30	2.79	4.81	4.81
Total Foreign	27.71	28.41	30.27	0.83	0.86	0.98	0.97	23.05	24.47	29.32	29.35
China	5.83	6.08	6.80	1.23	1.53	1.87	1.79	7.20	9.28	12.15	12.15
India	7.87	7.77	7.90	0.34	0.35	0.34	0.35	2.70	2.69	2.70	2.76
Pakistan	2.26	2.28	2.34	0.73	0.45	0.83	0.83	1.65	1.02	1.94	1.94
USSR	3.19	3.19	3.35	1.60	1.44	1.45	1.40	5.09	4.60	4.68	4.68
Others	8.56	9.10	9.88	0.75	0.76	0.80	0.79	6.42	6.88	7.85	7.82
PEANUTS											
World	17.77	17.89	18.04	0.98	1.05	1.11	1.10	17.46	18.83	20.05	19.92
United States	0.52	0.56	0.62	3.02	2.69	3.27	3.22	1.56	1.50	2.01	2.00
Total Foreign	17.26	17.33	17.42	0.92	1.00	1.04	1.03	15.90	17.34	18.05	17.92
Brazil	0.21	0.15	0.21	1.19	1.47	1.29	1.29	0.25	0.22	0.27	0.27
China	2.42	2.20	2.39	1.62	1.80	2.01	2.01	3.92	3.95	4.81	4.81
India	7.22	7.64	7.50	0.73	0.95	0.87	0.87	5.28	7.28	6.50	6.50
Senegal	1.12	0.97	0.88	0.99	0.59	0.73	0.72	1.11	0.57	0.68	0.63
South Africa	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.39	0.30	0.80	0.69	0.09	0.07	0.20	0.17
Sudan	0.78	0.77	0.74	0.64	0.60	0.68	0.68	0.50	0.46	0.50	0.50
Others	5.29	5.37	5.46	0.90	0.89	0.94	0.92	4.75	4.78	5.09	5.04

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Oilseeds Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Apr.	Production 1982/83	Production Prel. 1983/84	Production 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production 1984/85 Proj. Apr.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SUNFLOWERSEED											
World	13.30	13.16	13.91	1.24	1.17	1.23	1.26	16.52	15.42	17.28	17.49
United States	1.91	1.24	1.49	1.27	1.17	1.14	1.14	2.42	1.45	1.70	1.70
Total Foreign	11.39	11.92	12.42	1.24	1.17	1.24	1.27	14.10	13.97	15.58	15.79
Argentina	1.90	1.99	2.33	1.21	1.11	1.29	1.42	2.30	2.20	3.00	3.30
China	0.81	0.82	0.83	1.58	1.68	2.06	2.06	1.29	1.37	1.70	1.70
EC-10	0.34	0.50	0.60	2.22	2.01	1.84	1.84	0.75	0.99	1.11	1.11
East Europe	1.20	1.14	1.13	1.81	1.69	1.85	1.92	2.18	1.93	2.09	2.17
Spain	0.87	0.95	1.00	0.86	0.79	0.99	0.97	0.75	0.75	1.00	0.97
USSR	4.25	4.27	3.91	1.26	1.18	1.13	1.15	5.34	5.04	4.50	4.50
Others	2.01	2.27	2.63	0.75	0.75	0.82	0.78	1.50	1.69	2.19	2.04
RAPESEED											
World	12.36	12.62	13.38	1.20	1.13	1.21	1.24	14.79	14.24	16.27	16.58
Total Foreign	12.36	12.62	13.38	1.20	1.13	1.21	1.24	14.79	14.24	16.27	16.58
Canada	1.78	2.33	2.99	1.25	1.13	1.09	1.09	2.23	2.63	3.25	3.25
China	4.12	3.67	3.40	1.37	1.17	1.23	1.23	5.66	4.29	4.19	4.19
EC-10	1.01	1.11	1.17	2.62	2.22	2.96	2.96	2.66	2.45	3.46	3.47
East Europe	0.59	0.61	0.76	1.81	2.20	2.18	2.24	1.07	1.34	1.71	1.71
India	3.83	3.89	4.00	0.58	0.66	0.65	0.73	2.21	2.57	2.60	2.90
Others	1.03	1.01	1.06	0.94	0.96	0.94	1.00	0.97	0.96	1.06	1.06
FLAXSEED											
World	4.62	4.24	4.44	0.56	0.53	0.50	0.52	2.57	2.25	2.29	2.29
United States	0.30	0.24	0.22	0.88	0.74	0.82	0.82	0.26	0.18	0.18	0.18
Total Foreign	4.32	4.01	4.22	0.53	0.52	0.49	0.50	2.31	2.07	2.11	2.11
Argentina	0.86	0.77	0.65	0.89	0.91	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.70	0.50	0.50
Canada	0.63	0.43	0.70	1.20	1.04	0.96	0.96	0.75	0.45	0.68	0.68
India	1.40	1.47	1.50	0.27	0.30	0.32	0.32	0.38	0.44	0.48	0.48
USSR	1.13	1.06	1.06	0.13	0.24	0.18	0.20	0.15	0.26	0.22	0.22
Others	0.30	0.28	0.30	0.88	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.27	0.22	0.24	0.24
MAJOR OILSEEDS TOTAL	131.80	129.68	136.93	1.30	1.24	1.31	1.32	171.93	160.18	179.73	180.24
COPRA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.47	3.95	4.65	4.66
PALM KERNEL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.79	2.06	2.10	2.14
TOTAL OILSEEDS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	178.19	166.19	186.48	187.04
PALM OIL *	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.70	6.54	6.94	7.08

* Not included in total oilseeds.

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1985 Winter Grain Prospects in the Northern Hemisphere Outside the United States

Winter grains account for 30 percent of combined world wheat and coarse grain production. In the Northern Hemisphere, excluding the United States, winter grains account for roughly one-half of all wheat and coarse grains produced each year. In recent years, the area in winter wheat production has exhibited a substantial rise, particularly in the European Community and parts of Eastern Europe. For example, the area in winter wheat production in the United Kingdom rose by over 32 percent from 1981/82 to 1984/85, and is projected to rise by another 2-6 percent in 1985/86.

The area sown to winter grains during the fall of 1984 for harvest in 1985 in the Northern Hemisphere outside the U.S. is expected to be down 1-2 percent from last year. Excessive fall rains in many producing regions delayed winter grain sowings and likely reduced the total planted area in 1984. Abnormally cold winter temperatures and excessively wet field conditions in Europe have generally reduced 1985 winter grain prospects. In 1984, record winter grain crops were harvested in the European Community, Eastern Europe, India and China, while below normal crops were produced in the USSR, the Middle East, parts of Northwest Africa and Pakistan. Winter grain production prospects in the Northern Hemisphere for harvest in 1985 are summarized below.

In the European Community indications are that area sown to winter grains is slightly less than last year. Plantings are up in the United Kingdom (+2 to +6 percent) and Denmark (+4 percent), while sowings are down in France (-2 to -3 percent), West Germany (-1 percent) and Belgium-Luxembourg (-10 percent). Elsewhere fall plantings are projected to be unchanged from last year. Wet field conditions hampered fall winter grain sowings in France, the U.K., Belgium-Luxembourg and northern West Germany. Wet field conditions prevented producers from meeting their projected plantings in France and West Germany. Abnormally cold temperatures in mid-January and February, particularly in northern Europe, may have caused some damage to the winter crops. Generally, EC-10 1985 winter grain yield prospects are less favorable than last year's record production.

In Non-EC-10 Western Europe, winter grain sowings are projected to be down slightly from last year because of relatively wet field conditions at time of planting in several countries. In Sweden, winter wheat area is estimated to be down 30 percent from last year because of excessively wet fall field conditions. Estimated sowings of winter grains are up slightly in Portugal, but heavy January and February rains have reduced winter grain yield prospects from the record levels achieved last year. In Austria, winter grain area is projected unchanged from last year, and conditions to date are rated mostly favorable despite periods of cold winter temperatures. In Spain, winter grain plantings are down 5-7 percent from last year. Favorable fall and early winter rainfall in Spain promoted good germination; however, dry weather since mid-February, particularly in the south, has lowered yield prospects.

In Eastern Europe, indications are that area sown to winter grains is down slightly from last year's level. Winter grain sowings in Czechosovakia are up 2 percent, while plantings are projected to be down in Yugoslavia by 10-12 percent. Elsewhere in Eastern Europe indications are that the winter grain area is unchanged from last year. In Yugoslavia, a combination of a late corn harvest and dry fall weather in some producing areas reduced the area sown to winter wheat. The unsown winter wheat fields are likely to be planted to corn in the spring. In East Germany, the area sown to winter wheat is estimated to be down 8 percent, while winter barley area is estimated to have risen by 5-8 percent. Generally, Eastern European winter grains were sown under favorable fall conditions. However, abnormally cold February temperatures in portions of East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia may have caused some damage to winter grains unprotected by snowcover. However, winterkill throughout Eastern Europe is generally expected to be about normal but more than in the last two years when the winters were relatively mild. Some of the winter grain area damaged by the cold weather may require resowing to spring crops, most likely barley or wheat. Winter grains in Romania may have suffered germination problems in the fall as the result of poor quality seed. In Hungary, crop production prospects are currently favorable and a larger grain crop than the drought-reduced 1984 crop is likely.

Prospects for the 1985 winter grain crop in the USSR are generally favorable, but there are some problems and more could arise before the harvest in early summer. Last fall, conditions were relatively favorable, and some 35 million hectares of winter grains were sown. This was about a million hectares more than in the previous years. Although the winter was bitterly cold, no more than average winterkill should have occurred, because unusually heavy snowcover protected the plants. This winter's bitter cold weather continued until mid-March when a gradual warming trend brought temperature to seasonal levels melting snow. Snow diminished in southern grain areas about 2-3 weeks later than usual. Spring is about 2 weeks late this year. Temperatures averaged at least 5° C. (the threshold for breaking dormancy) the week of April 1-6 in the Baltics, Byelorussia, all of the Ukraine, North Caucasus, and Lower Volga. The late spring could delay development of the plants, causing them to be in the crucial reproductive stage at a time when temperatures are normally quite high. This could be detrimental for yield potential. Although the snowmelt generally has been gradual, and precipitation during March was well below normal, flooding in some southern areas has been reported in the Soviet press. The press has also noted several important winter grain regions, including parts of the Central Black Soil Zone and North Caucasus, are still low on subsoil moisture because of the drought last summer. However, sufficient rains fell there in the early autumn for the crop to germinate and get established prior to dormancy. Soviet press reports specifically mention parts of the southern Ukraine, Central Black Soil Zone, North Caucasus and Volga where the winter grains should be reseeded. Some reseeding, reportedly, will be needed because of poor quality field work last fall, not winterkill alone.

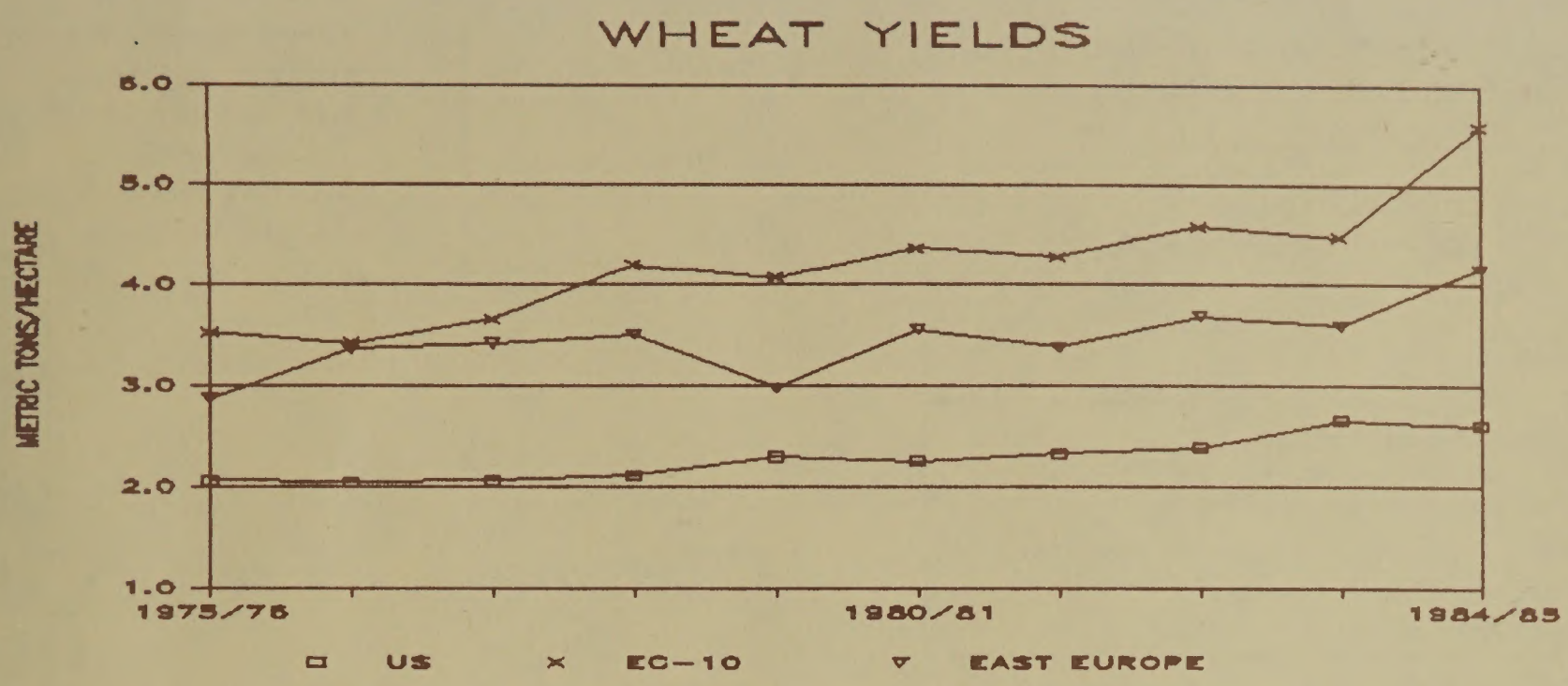
In Northwest Africa indications are that winter grain plantings have increased slightly from last year. Widespread early season rains throughout the region promoted favorable early crop development. Winter precipitation has been near normal in eastern Algeria and Tunisia, however a drier than normal mid-January through March period has lowered crop prospects in Morocco. Dryness in Morocco has been particularly severe in the southern region where most of the winter grain is produced.

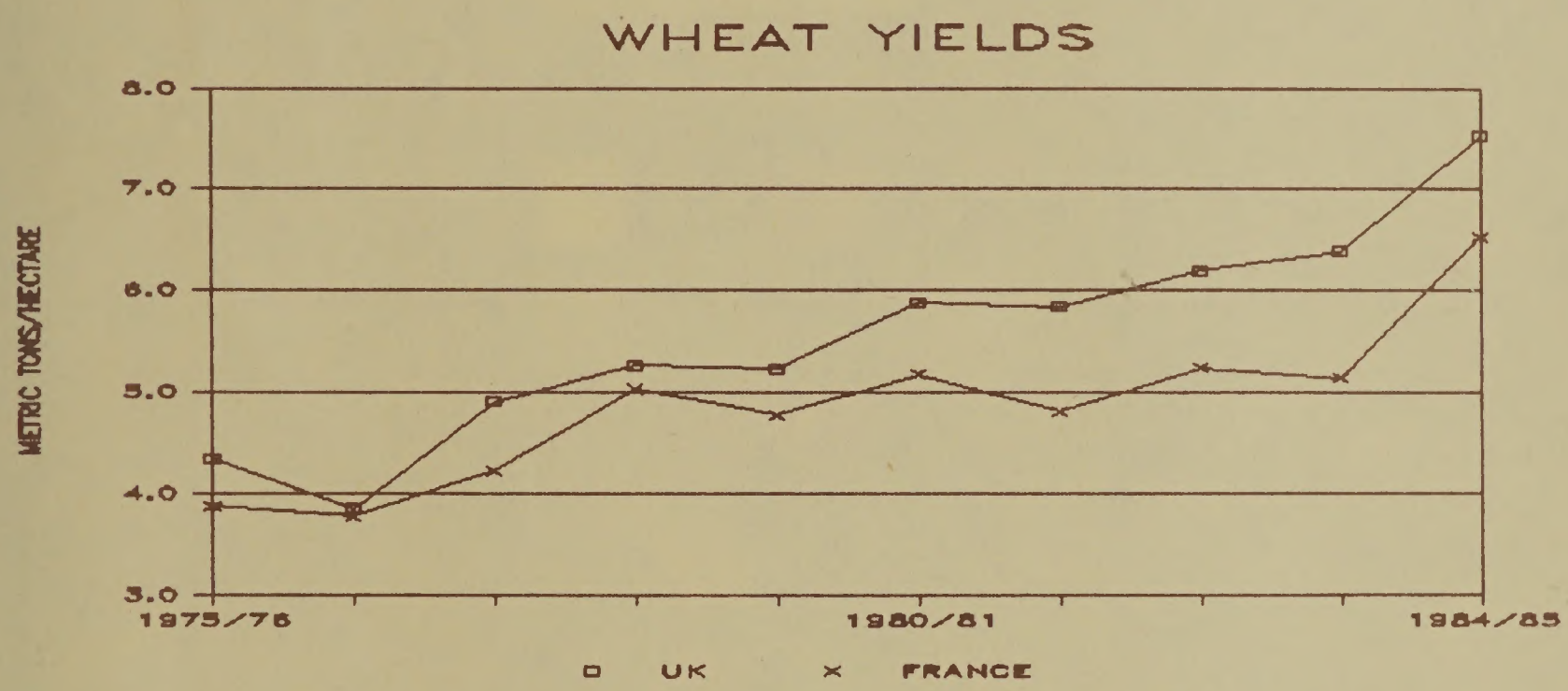
In India, the area sown to winter grains is estimated unchanged from last year. Winter grain prospects are generally favorable despite abnormally dry conditions throughout much of the northern and central regions. In the northwest most of the wheat crop is irrigated. Early indications are that winter wheat yields in the northwest will be higher than last year's record crop because of lower than normal incidence of disease and insect damage and a substantial increase in the useage of fertilizer. In the central plateau where much of the wheat is rainfed, yield prospects are considered fair to poor because of much below normal winter rainfall. In Pakistan, the area sown to winter wheat is estimated to have increased 1 percent from last year's record area. Widespread rains in December and January promoted favorable germination, particularly in the rainfed areas. However, abnormally dry conditions and above normal temperatures during the moisture-sensitive reproductive period in February and March have lowered crop prospects.

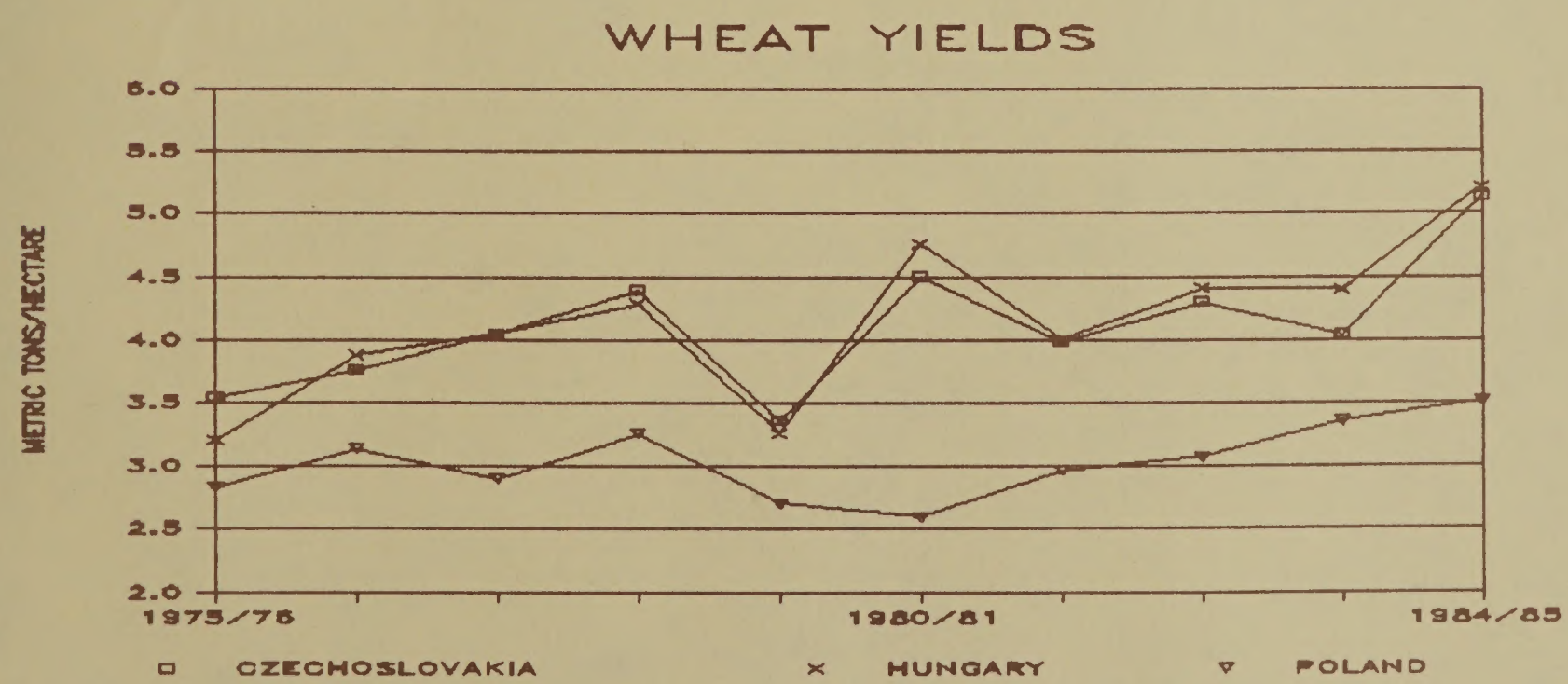
Winter grain area in China is estimated to have risen 1 percent from last year. The increase in wheat area sown in the fall continued the rising trend exhibited since 1982. Most of the increase in winter wheat plantings from last year's level has occurred in Shandong province where wheat area is estimated to have risen by 300,000 hectares. Conversely, winter wheat area in the southern winter wheat producing region is estimated to have decreased by 250,000 hectares because of larger plantings of rapeseed. Favorable moisture conditions in the fall and a relatively mild winter have benefitted China's winter grain development. Spring rains will be needed in China to maintain favorable prospects for rainfed winter wheat, which comprises about 25 percent of the wheat area.

In Turkey, area in winter grains is estimated unchanged from last year. A combination of unfavorably dry fall conditions and a colder than normal winter may have reduced crop prospects. However, soil moisture conditions have improved in many areas because of normal to above normal winter and early spring precipitation. In Syria winter grain prospects are mostly favorable as a result of beneficial winter rains; however, crop prospects in Jordan, Iraq, Israel and Lebanon are unfavorable due to below normal winter precipitation. In Israel winter wheat and barley yield prospects are reduced because of a an inadequate supply of irrigation water. In Syria, winter wheat area is estimated to have risen by 38 percent from last year's drought-reduced level.

Winter wheat area in Mexico is estimated to have increased slightly from last year despite some planting problems because of excessive rains early in the season. Producers in Sinaloa and Sonora have switched a portion of their land to wheat from dry beans, cotton, safflower and vegetables. Generally, weather conditions since planting have been good and irrigation reserves are above average. Winter temperatures have been cooler than last year and have favored wheat development.







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